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Tomoaki Takahashi

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For: LIQUID EJECTING APPARATUS

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Applicants hereby respectfully request the Examiner to confirm that the references submitted with Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 19, 2006 (copy enclosed with date stamped filing receipt) have been considered by providing Applicants with an initialed and signed copy of the PTO/SB/08 A & B Form listing these references.

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1. Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate with a copy of Communication from a foreign patent office, references, PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) and Check No. 298737 in the amount of \$180.00)
2. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

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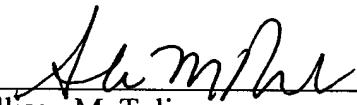
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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

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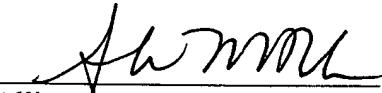
herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a English Abstract for each foreign document.

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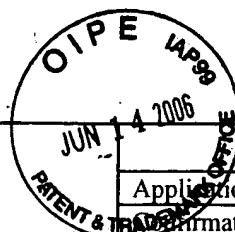
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